

Welcoming the establishment of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

Recalling that an organizational meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Committee has already been convened at Geneva in 1973, during the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Authorizes the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Far East Region to make a study tour of the countries of the region, in 1973, with the approval of the Governments concerned, and if necessary to hold a second meeting at Geneva immediately prior to the next session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order that it can draw together and finalize its conclusions and recommendations to the Commission.

1858th plenary meeting
18 May 1973

1781 (LIV). Scientific research on drug abuse

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 10 (XXV) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs concerning drug abuse,⁷⁸

Endorsing the view expressed by the Commission in that resolution that an expert review of information and the body of scientific research on drug abuse, in advance of its sessions, would enable the Commission to carry out more effectively its responsibilities in this field,

1. Invites the World Health Organization, as the competent specialized agency, to assist the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by preparing timely analytical reports on the epidemiological pattern of drug abuse for use by the Commission;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make available periodically to the World Health Organization all relevant information he may have concerning drug abuse.

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⁷⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 582.

Decisions

Economic and social consequences of disarmament (Item 9)

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the question⁷⁹ and decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

(Item 22)

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973 the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names⁸⁰ and the recommendations of the Conference contained therein;

(b) Endorsed the recommendation of the Conference that the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Geographical Names should henceforth be called the "United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names";

(c) Accepted with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Greece to hold the third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names at Athens from 1 to 22 June 1977, bearing in mind the administrative and financial implications of holding such a Conference⁸¹ and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969.

Tourism

(Item 21)

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973 the Council took note of the statement made by the representative of the Secretary-General at the 472nd meeting of the Co-ordination Committee on the question of the

implementation by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971, and of the reply received thereto from the Secretary-General of the International Union.⁸² While expressing satisfaction at the prompt action taken so far in the matter, the Council decided to invite the General Assembly of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations to take appropriate steps to ensure the implementation of Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) as soon as possible.

Collective economic security: preliminary consideration of the concept, its scope and potential practical implications

(Item 7)

At its 1857th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council, having examined the note by the Secretary-General on the question,⁸³ decided to request him to prepare a further report on the concept of collective economic security for consideration by the Council at its fifty-fifth session, taking into account the views expressed during the preliminary discussion at the fifty-fourth session.

The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations

(Item 8)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General⁸⁴ regarding the appointment of the study group on the impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations, and other arrangements for the implementation of Council resolution 1721 (LIII), and of the comments made thereon in the Economic Committee.⁸⁵

⁷⁹ E/5243 and Add.1 and 2.

⁸⁰ E/5249.

⁸¹ E/5249/Add.1.

⁸² See E/AC.24/SR.472.

⁸³ E/5263.

⁸⁴ E/5334 and Corr.1.

⁸⁵ See documents E/AC.6/SR.630 and 632.